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CLAIMS:

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1. A digital camera having a memory and an operational mode wherein:

- the camera takes a sequence of still pictures;
- a next one of the pictures in the sequence is selected for being stored in the memory based on an amount of overlap regarding a picture content with a previous one of the pictures stored in the memory; and
- the camera processes the pictures stored in the memory so as to create a composite picture.
- The camera of claim 1, comprising a sensor for determining information
  representative of respective relative coordinates of the camera when taking respective ones of the pictures.
  - 3. The camera of claim 2, wherein the information is used for controlling the creating of the composite picture using a stitching algorithm.
  - 4. The camera of claim 2, wherein the information is used to determine the next picture.
- 5. The camera of claim 1, comprising a detector for detecting an area in the composite picture lacking coverage by the pictures stored in the memory.
  - 6. An electronic apparatus with the camera of claim 1 embedded therein.
- 7. A method of creating a composite picture using a digital camera, the method comprising:
  - taking a sequence of still pictures;
  - selecting a next one of the pictures in the sequence for being stored based on an amount of overlap of a picture content with a previous one of the pictures stored; and
  - processing the pictures stored so as to create a composite picture.

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- 8. The method of claim 7, comprising determining information representative of respective relative coordinates of the camera when taking respective ones of the pictures.
- 5 9. The method of claim 8, comprising using the information for controlling the creating of the composite picture using a stitching algorithm.
  - 10. The method of claim 8, using the information to determine the next picture.
- 10 11. The method of claim 7, comprising identifying an area in the composite picture lacking coverage by the pictures stored in the memory.